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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
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SUBJECT: MISSISSIPPI STATE IOGA MISSION

REF:KUWAIT 1332

1. SINCE WE DO NOT HOLD TEHRAN 2714, REFTEL IS FIRST NOTICE WE HAVE THAT A MISSISSIPPI STATE IOGA MISSION MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING CAIRO. WE GATHER FROM REFTEL THAT CAIRO WOULD BE LAST ALTERNATIVE.

2. WHILE THIS EMBASSY IS ANXIOUS TO BE OF ALL FEASIBLE HELP IN FURTHERING AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN EGYPT, WE QUESTION DESIRABILITY OF TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR MISSISSIPPI STATE IOGA VISIT ON CRASH BASIS. TRADE MISSIONS TO EGYPT, IF THEY ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE PREPARATION. HOTEL SHORTAGE IN CAIRO IS ACUTE AND PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A GROUP OF UNKNOWN SIZE AT LAST MINUTE ARE DIM. MOREOVER, GOE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN TRADE MATTERS HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH TRADE MISSIONS FROM EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING US, AND WANT AND EXPECT ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE TO FIT ALREADY HEAVILY BOOKED SCHEDULES. FINALLY, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT NATIONAL
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MACHINE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION IOGA MISSION ALREADY EXPECTS TO

BE IN CAIRO FROM APRIL 18 TO 23RD. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE TWO MISSIONS WOULD COMPETE, BUT EMBASSY'S LIMITED COMMERCIAL STAFF WILL BE FULLY ENGAGED IN ASSISTING LONG PLANNED NMTB MISSION DURING THAT PERIOD.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MUST REGRETFULLY SUGGEST THAT MISSION VISIT TO CAIRO ON PROPOSED DATES IS NOT LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE.
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